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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION

1. BY SEPTTEL, YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED THE INTELLIGENCE
COMMUNITY'S ASSESSMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SOUTH LEBANON
SITUATION WHICH INCLUDES THE POSITIONS OF THE VARIOUS
PARTIES. THIS INCORPORATES ANALYSES PROVIDED BY CIA, DIA,
AND INR.

2. OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, IS THAT TO PRESENT THIS ANALYSIS TO
BEGIN AT THIS TIME MIGHTBE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IT COULD
WELL BE INTERPRETED BY HIM AND OTHER ISRAELI LEADERS AS
HAVING POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS. THE ASSESSMENT IS SQUARELY
AT ODDS WITH THE ISRAELI ESTIMATES. WE COULD SEEM TO THE
ISRAELIS TO BE GIVING THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT TO THE

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MOTIVES OF THE MAINLINE PLO/FATAH FORCES AND SYRIA AT A
TIME WHEN THE ISSUE IS STILL NOT CLEARCUT. THE ANALYSIS
ALSO HITS HARD AT ACTIONS BY BOTH THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS
AND THE ISRAELIS AS BEING PROVOCATIVE.

3. THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO BEGIN IN ONE SENSE OVER-
TAKES WHAT WE WOULD BE HOPING TO ACHIEVE BY PROVIDING AN

INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WONDER
WHETHER YOU SHOULD OR NEED TO PROVIDE BEGIN OR OTHER

ISRAELIS AN ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE
NO PROBLEMS IN YOUR DRAWING ON THE STRICTLY FACTUAL
DESCRIPTIONS OF LEBANESE PLANS FOR INSERTING LEBANESE
FORCES INTO THE AREA, FOR EXAMPLE. WE WOULD, HOWEVER,
APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF PRESENTING
THIS ESTIMATE, OR AN UPDATED ONE, LATER IN THE WEEK.
YOU SHOULD HOLD OFF DOING SO MEANWHILE. VANCE

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